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SUBJECT: EMBASSY DENIAL OF REPORT IN "AL MOHARRIR" NEWSPAPER

REF: BEIRUT 5386

1. AS REPORTED IN REFERENCE, PRO-PLO AL MOHARRIR, APR 25 PRINTED HEADLINE ASSERTING THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON KNEW THREE DAYS BEFORE IT TOOK PLACE ABOUT PHALANGIST "MASSACRE" OF BUSLOAD OF PALESTINIANS WHICH TRIGGERED WEEK OF GUNFIRE IN BEIRUT. IN CONSULTATION WITH MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, EMBASSY SENT DENIAL AND REQUEST THAT IT BE PRINTED IN SAME SPACE TO "AL MOHARRIR". THE PAPER NOW HAS PRINTED, ON PAGE 2 BUT PROMINENTLY, FULL TEXT OF EMBASSY DENIAL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY SOME PRINTED QUIBBLES BUT NO SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO DEFEND ORIGINAL "AL MOHARRIR" REPORT.

2. SINCE TO DATE NEITHER ORIGINAL "AL MOHARRIR" STORY NOR ITS SUBSTANCE HAS BEEN PICKED UP IN OTHER LEBANESE PUBLICATIONS, CASE PRESUMABLY IS CLOSED
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FOR DAILIES AND HOPEFULLY FOR WEEKLIES AS WELL.

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3. MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HOWEVER PLANS
CONTINUE PRESSING CHARGES OF PRESS LAW VIOLATION
AGAINST "AL MOHARRIR" AND MINSTRY DIRECTOR OF
PRESS PREDICTS EDITOR WILL BE CONVICTED AND FINED
FOR CARRYING THE OFFENDING HEADLINE.
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